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Dasara invitation extended to Hampana, CM, Governor

Bengaluru, Sept. 26 (KS)- The Mysuru District Administration extended Dasara invitation to veteran littérateur Nadoja Dr. Hampa Nagarajaiah (Dr. Hampana) at his residence in Bengaluru this morning. Dr. Hampana will be inaugurating *Nada Habba Dasara-2024* atop Chamundi Hill in Mysuru on Oct. 3.

The delegation from Mysuru led by Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, who is also Dasara Special Officer, called on Dr. Hampana at his residence in American Colony on Crescent Road, felicitated him with a *Peta* and a shawl, offered fruits and formally extended the Dasara invitation.

The delegation later met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at his Home Office Krishna, where Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa extended the Dasara invitation. The delegation was joined by MLCs C.N. Manjegowda and Dr. D. Thimmaiah, MLA and Jungle Lodges and Resorts Chairman Anil Chikkamadu and others.

The District Minister, who led the delegation to Raj Bhavan, formally invited Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot and handed over Dasara invitation.

Dasara invitation was also extended to Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar and Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa.

The Mysuru District Administration delegation comprised Additional DC Dr. P. Shivaraju, Mysuru City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, Superintendent of Police N. Vishnuvardhan, Zilla Panchayat CEO K.M. Gayathri, Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority Secretary M.J. Roopa, Chamundi Hill Temple AEO Basavaraju, District Urban Development Cell AEE Kuberappa and MCC Deputy Commissioner (Development) K.J. Sindhu.

Yuva Dasara tickets to go on sale from tomorrow

- Gallery-1 ticket to cost Rs. 8,000; Gallery-2 to cost Rs. 5,000 — per show, per person
- Free entry for General Gallery; separate entries for ticket holders
- Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar to inaugurate 5-day gala event on Oct. 6 on city outskirts

Mysuru, Sept. 26 (VNS)- Music enthusiasts, who wish to watch some of the best musicians performing at this year's Yuva Dasara, will have to burn their pockets to have a close-up view of the gala programme from galleries.

Ashwini Puneeth

For the first time, the Mysuru District Administration has introduced ticketed shows for Yuva Dasara which will held on a sprawling 100-acre land on city outskirts between Aayarahalli and Uttanahalli from Oct. 6 to 10 between 6 pm and 10 pm.

With the District Administration estimated to spend about Rs. 14 crore for this mega event, it also aims at raising funds through sale of online tickets to be spent for organising the event. This year, seating arrangements will be made to accommodate about one lakh people each day at venue. Till last year, the event was either organised at Maharaja's College Grounds or at the Open Air Theatre.

There will be two exclusive galleries with separate entries — Gallery-1 and Gallery-2 — for those who purchase online tickets for the show. While the tickets for Gallery-1 are priced at Rs. 8,000 each, Gallery-2 tickets are priced at Rs. 5,000 each per day.

About 10,000 tickets will be on sale everyday on *www.mysoredasara.gov.in* and *www.bookmyshow.com* from tomorrow (Sept. 27). Gallery-1 will be close to the main stage while Gallery-2 will be behind Gallery-1. However, **entry for General Gallery, which is expected to accommodate about 90,000 people, will be free.**

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, who is also the Dasara Special Officer, said that about 2,000 tickets of Rs. 8,000 each and 8,000 tickets of Rs. 5,000 will be on sale initially and depending on the demand, the number of tickets will be increased. Each ticket is valid for a single show per head.

(See TICKETS on page 7)

To Our Readers

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 26th September 2024

SOLD OUT

Gold Card, Torchlight Parade tickets gone in a jiffy

Mysuru, Sept. 26 (VNS)- The Gold Cards and Torchlight Parade tickets that went up for sale online this morning was sold out in a jiffy. However, the *Jumboo Savari* tickets were still available when we went to the press at 1.30 pm.

The Gold Card priced - Rs. 6,500, ticket to watch *Jumboo Savari* procession at Palace premises - Rs. 3,500 and Torchlight Parade - Rs. 1,000

were up for sale on www. *mysoredasara.gov.in* from 9 am today.

The tickets will be available online till Sept. 30. However, there was no information about the number of tickets put on sale on Day-1.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

IS IT EVEN POSSIBLE TO HAVE A WORK-LIFE BALANCE?: ***The recent tragic death of a young woman working for a prestigious firm has evoked anguish, with so much being discussed about having a reasonable work-life balance. This highly qualified individual worked for a firm with presumably world-class corporate governance. However, there is only so much the human body can handle; lack of sleep, rest and proper nutrition can destroy health. It is the responsibility of society and the State to protect the citizens when these things are violated.***

People have pointed out that the working environment in modern offices has become toxic and unhealthy. Perhaps they are right. But these are times of great revival in the nation and a demanding work environment is an inescapable reality. This is the reality of the challenges, opportunities and rewards of the times, and there is only so much the State can do to regulate the modern workplace. So, it's crucial that we, as individuals, take matters into our own hands to protect ourselves and our young.

But what about life after work, which is supposed to act as a counterbalance? A cursory examination reveals that we are not doing enough to unwind; our activities are contrary. If work brings stress, we should do those things that counteract it. Watching movies on a mobile phone, binge shopping, or binge eating are not solutions. It is not enough to hit the gym; the workplace stress builds up during the day, and even thinking about it in the evening hampers recovery — the mind has to take a meaningful break.

According to a recent article in *Harvard Business Review,* ***one method is to detach psychologically from work. The mind has to be engaged in something removed from work. The authors suggest practising mindfulness as a solution.***

What did our forefathers do? One way was to practise evening *sandhya,* ***a practice prevalent throughout the land. It is performed at dusk, a time for transitioning from day activities to contemplation, of connecting with the Divine. In the past, everyone did it as*** *dharm.* ***The bindings of*** *dharm* ***are no longer applicable today. However, people can embrace proven methods from the past because they can help solve today's problems.***

The key is to engage the mind and to train it to stay engaged. In this field, we can be proud of inheriting humanity's treasure trove of knowledge. The time has come to unearth the eternal treasures and profit from them.

—Raseshwari Devi in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Countries struggle to repel invasion of 'Super Ants'

Berlin: European countries like Germany, France, and Switzerland are trying to contain an invasion of Tapinoma magnum ants, a species that experts say is "virtually impossible to get rid of."

Usually found throughout the Mediterranean basin, the Middle East and North Africa, Tapinoma magnum ants have recently begun an invasion of Europe. Over the last couple of years, the tiny critters – no more than 3 mm in size – have been rampaging through some of the world's most developed countries, teaching their residents the meaning of fear. Tapinoma ants are famous for their ability to rapidly expand over large areas, as well as for their resilience. Experts say that the tiny ants have hundreds of queens and can create several smaller colonies that, instead of attacking each other, unite to create one super colony with millions of individuals. They are relentless in their search for resources, eating through walls, pavement, and even internet or electricity cables.

Message in bottle found after 200 years

Paris: Students working at an archaeological site in France discovered a message in a bottle from an archaeologist who worked 200 years earlier.

Guillaume Blondel, head of Eu's Regional Archaeology Service, said volunteers found the small glass bottle inside a pot. The message reads: "P.J Féret, a native of Dieppe, member of various intellectual societies, carried out excavations here in January 1825. He continues his investigations in this vast area known as the Cité de Limes or Caesar's Camp."

Blondel said local records revealed Féret was a well-known archaeologist at the time and conducted his first dig at the village site 200 years ago.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Tobacco smoke is a major contributor to respiratory diseases, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and lung cancer. Quitting smoking is one of the most impactful steps for lung health.

By Dr. Lakshmi Narasimhan R. - Consultant – Pulmonology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Vocal concert at Ganabharathi

Mysuru, Sept. 26- Ganabharathi, Mysuru, has organised a Karnatak vocal concert by Vidu. Chaitrra Sairam tomorrow at Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar in city, at 6 pm.

She will be accompanied by Vidu. C.V. Shruti on violin, Vid. Nikshit Puttur on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching.

The concert is organised in memory of Vidu. Indira Vaidyanathan and Vid. T.P. Vaidyanathan.

Vidu. Chaitrra

The event is sponsored by disciples of Vid. T.P. Vaidyanathan.

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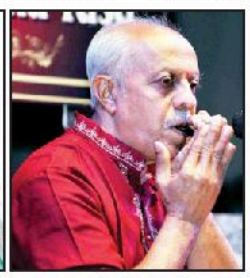

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VOICE OF THE READER

Traffic Police in deep slumber

Sir,

With many traffic signals in Mysuru now defunct, navigating the main roads has become increasingly challenging, particularly for senior citizens.

It is puzzling to note that the Traffic Police Department is in deep slumber and has not taken any proactive measures, such as deploying the Traffic Cops at key intersections where traffic signals are non-functional, to alleviate the difficulties faced by both motorists and pedestrians.

The absence of working traffic lights makes it especially dangerous for pedestrians, who often find themselves at the mercy of drivers adhering to the "might is right" principle.

To enhance safety for everyone, the Traffic Police should prioritise assigning Traffic Police at these critical junctions.

Interestingly, during VIP movements in Mysuru, we often see a significant Police presence managing traffic at regular intervals. However, this same level of attention is lacking when it comes to ensuring the safety of everyday commuters and pedestrians.

It is crucial for the authorities to act promptly to address this issue and create a safer environment for all road users, at the earliest.

—K. Chandrahas
Mysuru
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CII Mysuru's Annual Manufacturing Conference-2024 on Sept. 27

Mysuru, Sept. 26- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru, has organised the Annual Manufacturing Conference-2024 on Sept. 27 at Mysuru with the theme 'Smart Manufacturing and Automation: Leading the Next Industrial Revolution.'

This event to be held at the Country Inn and Suites in Hebbal from 10 am will highlight the vital role of smart manufacturing and automation in propelling the next industrial revolution.

The Conference aims to equip professionals with knowledge and tools necessary to thrive in a competitive global market. This one-day event will have industry leaders discuss key manufacturing future areas, including Advanced Manufacturing, Automation, Robotics, New Technology Trends, Total Productive Maintenance and Total Quality Management.

Nagaraja Gargeshwari, Convenor, CII Mysuru Manufacturing & Technology Panel and President & Director, Automotive Axles Ltd., stated: "This event will unite General Managers and leaders across manufacturing, automation, quality and operations, alongside entrepreneurs and service providers."

For details, contact M.K. Kiran on Mob: 98447-85965 or Ph: 0821-2517003 or 2516319.

Dasara Book Fair from Oct. 3:
Calling Publishers, Book Sellers

Mysuru, Sept. 26 (MTY&DM)- As part of Dasara, the Kannada Book Authority (KBA), in association with Kannada and Culture Department and Dasara Utsava Samiti, will be organising a nine-day Dasara Kannada Pustaka Mela-2024 (Kannada Book Fair) at the Scouts and Guides Grounds close to the Old DC Office along Hunsur Road in the city, from Oct. 3 to 11.

Kannada Publishers and Book Sellers can take part in the Mela, which will have 60 stalls.

The application forms can be obtained at the Kannada and Culture Department Offices or downloaded from the Authority's website: *https://kpp.karnataka.gov.in.*

The deadline for applying along with a Security Deposit of Rs. 1,000 DD is 5 pm on Sept. 30. Filled-in applications can be sent either by post to KBA, Kannada Bhavan, J.C. Road, Bengaluru or by e-mail to: *kannadappradhikara@gmail.com.*

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Astronomy Workshop

Mysore Science Foundation has organised a four-day Telescope Making Workshop (Astronomy and Astrophysics) COSMOS-2024 for students and teachers from Oct. 3 to 6 at BSS Vidyodaya School in Krishnamurthypuram, Mysuru. Students above 5th std. are eligible to participate. Students will make telescope and conduct day time astronomy experiments. For details and registration, call Mob: 81055-03863 or 89709-09949.

Marathon

As part of its Annual Action Plan 2024-25 Yuvajanotsava Programme, District-level Marathon Contest has been organised by the District AIDS Prevention & Control Unit of Mysuru tomorrow (Sept. 27) at 7.30 am. The Marathon will begin at JSS College for Women in Saraswathipuram and pass through Fire Brigade, Ramaswamy Circle, Maharani's Science College, Old DC's Office, Oval Grounds, Kukkarahalli Road and culminate at the starting point.

Material distribution & Music Concert

Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust, Srirampet, will conclude its Sri Mahaganapathi Puja Mahothsava on Sept. 27 at Sri Rama Mandira in Srirampet. On the occasion, materials will be distributed to visually impaired, specially abled, Home for Aged & orphanages and Deaf and Dumb School at 5 pm. Senior Surgeon & Urologist Dr. M.S. Ranganath, who is also the NIE Society President, will be the chief guest. Science writer S. Ramprasad, who is also the Founder-President of Karnataka Muktaka Sahitya Academy, will be the special invitee. Also, a Karnatak Classical Vocal Concert by Meghana Satish will be held at 6.30 pm. Vid. Rathnateja and Vid. Pranav Subramanya will accompany with violin and mridanga respectively.

Ph.D awardees

S.D. Archana has been awarded Ph.D in Chemistry by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'Crystal and Molecular Structure Studies of Some Salts and Derivatives of Pyrazoles and Piperazines' [Guide: Dr. H.S. Yathirajan].

H.M. Sindhu has been awarded Ph.D in Geography by the UoM for her thesis 'Accessibility of Public Spaces to Elderly Population in Mysore City: A Geographical Analysis' [Guide: Dr. B. Chandrashekara].

Judicial setback for CM as MLA Court orders FIR

Lokayukta probe into illegal mining led to B.S. Yediyurappa resigning as CM in 2011

Bengaluru, Sept. 26 (UNI& Agencies)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah encountered a second legal setback in as many days, with the Special Court for MLAs/MPs in Bengaluru yesterday approving an investigation against him in Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) land scam.

Siddaramaiah

The first blow came on Tuesday, when the High Court dismissed Siddaramaiah's petition challenging the Governor's prosecution sanction in the same case.

Special Court Judge Santhosh Gajanana Bhat issued the order, instructing the Superintendent of Lokayukta, Mysuru, to probe the matter. The Lokayukta has been directed to submit a report within three months, by Dec. 24, with the next hearing scheduled for that day.

The investigation stems from allegations that Siddaramaiah used his influence to secure the allotment of 14 prime sites in Mysuru for his wife, B.M. Parvathi, as part of a disputed land swap deal.

Probe under Cr.PC Section 156 (3)

The Court clarified that the case would be investigated under Section 156 (3) of the Cr.PC. Snehamayi Krishna, one of the petitioners, had filed a private complaint against Siddaramaiah regarding the MUDA case.

Following the Court's order, an FIR will be filed, launching the investigation. The Investigating Officer will have the authority to question and arrest the Chief Minister if necessary.

Krishna had earlier petitioned the Governor, who granted prosecution permission — a decision upheld by the Karnataka High Court. On Wednesday, Krishna submitted the High Court's order to the Special Court.

Power to arrest

The Investigating Officer can now file an FIR against Siddaramaiah, with the power to arrest him if required. Senior Counsel Lakshmy Iyengar, representing Krishna, stated that this is only the beginning, with the Court giving the Mysuru Lokayukta the go-ahead to proceed with the investigation.

The Special Court emphasised that the High Court has upheld Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's decision to permit prosecution and added that Siddaramaiah should have no hesitation in facing an inquiry.

The Court highlighted the allegations that Siddaramaiah, in his roles as the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister and Leader of the Opposition, was instrumental in decisions related to the land allotment to his family.

Land Ownership Dispute

A key charge revolves around the de-notification of land in the name of Devaraju, who was allegedly not the original owner. Siddaramaiah's brother-in-law, B.M. Mallikarjunaswamy, reportedly purchased the land from Devaraju.

This investigation echoes the Lokayukta probe into illegal mining that led to B.S. Yediyurappa's resignation as Chief Minister in 2011. Krishna's petition names Siddaramaiah as the prime accused, followed by his wife Parvathi, brother-in-law Mallikarjunaswamy and others, including J. Devaraju, son of the original landowner Ninga.

The activist has accused Siddaramaiah of misusing his office to acquire 3.16 acres in Kesare, which was exchanged for 14 sites in Vijayanagar through fabricated documents.

CM says 'Ready for probe'

CM Siddaramaiah reaffirmed his willingness to face the investigation, declaring, "I am not afraid of the probe."

In response to the Special Court's decision, Siddaramaiah stated, "I have already said I am ready to face an investigation. I am not afraid of any inquiry." He added, "I am prepared for a legal fight. I said this yesterday, and I'm repeating it today."

He also pointed out that the case has been referred to the Mysuru Lokayukta since the complaint was filed in Mysuru, where MUDA is headquartered.

Petitioners to demand CBI probe after FIR against CM

Bengaluru, Sept. 26 (UNI& Agencies)- Petitioners Snehamayi Krishna and S.P. Pradeep Kumar, in the MUDA case, announced yesterday that they would demand a CBI probe once an FIR is registered against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Speaking to the media after the Special Court entrusted the investigation to the Mysuru Lokayukta, Snehamayi Krishna stated that after legal procedures are initiated and the FIR is lodged, a petition would be submitted to the appropriate Court calling for a CBI investigation.

When questioned about Siddaramaiah's claim that he had no direct involvement in the alleged scam, neither through signature nor oral orders, Krishna emphasised that direct involvement isn't necessary.

"Even indirect involvement is as culpable as committing the crime. We have provided ample evidence proving Siddaramaiah's direct involvement. The High Court's decision was based on this evidence," he asserted.

Pradeep Kumar demanded the immediate lodging of an FIR and swift commencement of the investigation. "The accused persons listed in the complaint must be questioned and custodial interrogation is necessary. Siddaramaiah should step down from his position immediately. How can Central leaders, who frequently cite the Constitution in Parliament, tolerate a CM facing FIRs for cheating, forgery and other illegal acts?" he questioned.

He further stated that the need for prosecution is unquestionable. "From 1997 to 2021, multiple transactions related to the MUDA case have taken place. It requires thorough investigation, something beyond the reach of the common man," he added.

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee, a key partner in I.N.D.I. Alliance, has already pressed Central Congress leaders on when they plan to demand Siddaramaiah's resignation. "I'm confident the Congress High Command will act swiftly and secure his resignation," she remarked.

In terms of propriety, Siddaramaiah should resign: Justice Santosh Hegde

Cites Lal Bahadur Shastri's resignation to say 'Such a sense of responsibility is lacking today'

Bengaluru, Sept. 26 (UNI& Agencies)- Former Karnataka Lokayukta, Justice N. Santosh Hegde, has called on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to resign in light of the Karnataka High Court's decision regarding the MUDA site allotment case.

Santosh Hegde

Speaking to reporters in Mangaluru yesterday, Justice Hegde stressed the importance of public propriety, suggesting that the Chief Minister step down, even if not legally required.

"Legally, there's no obligation for Siddaramaiah to resign. However, in terms of moral responsibility and propriety, he should. Ultimately, it is his personal decision," Justice Hegde remarked. He also dismissed the CM's claim that he has not committed anything wrong and said the High Court has found that prima facie there was evidence of wrongdoing.

Court finds prima facie evidence

Justice Hegde highlighted that while Siddaramaiah has consistently professed his innocence, the High Court has found grounds for an investigation. "Before the High Court's ruling, he claimed to have done no wrong. But now the Court has found prima facie evidence. Therefore, I believe the Chief Minister should resign," he added.

Drawing a parallel with former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri, who resigned in 1956 as Railway Minister following two train accidents in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, Hegde lamented, "Such a sense of responsibility is lacking today."

He further reflected on the High Court's dismissal of Siddaramaiah's appeal challenging the Governor's sanction for prosecution, noting, "Given the Judge's observations, it's highly unlikely that he will secure a favourable order in Higher Courts."

A colonial-era practice

Justice Hegde refrained from taking a stance on whether the investigation should be transferred to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) or the Lokayukta but was critical of the legal requirement for Governor's sanction to prosecute politicians and bureaucrats, labelling it a colonial-era practice.

"When ordinary citizens can be prosecuted without sanction, why should politicians enjoy such protection? Let the Courts protect them. False cases can be filed against anyone, not just politicians," he said, calling for the abolition of this privilege.

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THE JUDGEMENT

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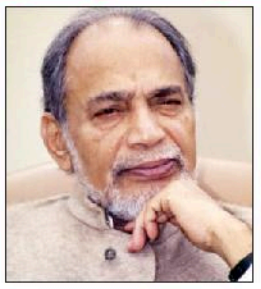
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"I repeat... that all power is a trust — that we are accountable for its exercise — that, from the people, and for the people, all springs, and all must exist."

— Benjamin Disraeli quoted by Justice M. Nagaprasanna in the closing part of his judgement. Mahatma Gandhi, Vinoba Bhave and Jayaprakash Narayan have said the same about the government being a Trust for the people

In the history of Karnataka politics, after Independence, there have been many red-letter days, there have been many idealistic and pragmatic Chief Ministers who introduced many people-friendly, welfare-oriented, corruption-free administration.

We had visionary Chief Ministers like Kengal Hanumanthaiah, S. Nijalingappa, Veerendra Patil, D. Devaraj Urs, Ramakrishna Hegde (who had the courage to resign on moral grounds and could bounce back to power with popular mandate) and S.M. Krishna who was known as *numero uno*, No. 1 Chief Minister of India. It was he who turned Bengaluru into an electronic city and got it the epithet Silicon Valley of India. There were others too only to fill the power vacuum. They created more turbulence in the State administration than tranquillity and progress. **Today we are faced with one such turbulent time in our State's history. The Chief Minister responsible for this disturbing turbulence is Siddaramaiah.**

Last Tuesday, 24th day of September 2024, was the blackest day in the history of Karnataka politics since Independence. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah himself is in the eye of the storm. He himself could have saved Karnataka from this ignominy, if we ignore many other lapses under his leadership, including those related to discrimination, favouritism and not the least, the failed law and order. But he did not care. Instead he kept harping on the backing of his 135 MLAs and support of his Cabinet colleagues.

However, this country is ruled not by the Politicians alone, no matter how popular and powerful they are; this country is ruled by the law also. In fact the law is more powerful than the politicians no matter how many MPs and MLAs are with them. **Which is why it is the credo of a Democratic country that "How so ever high you are, Law is above you."**

And Karnataka today is a witness to this highest guiding light of the Law. And thanks to the Honourable **Mr. Justice M. Nagaprasanna** who delivered a path-breaking judgement last Tuesday that gave a body blow to the high and mighty among the Karnataka politicians, specially Siddaramaiah, who assumed to be invincible even before the law. But Karnataka judiciary rose to the height of a Solomon's Court.

About democracy, famous men have said that it can survive and prosper only if there is Freedom of the Press. No. I have seen it in 1975. Now after last Tuesday's judgement, I can say democracy can survive and prosper only if there is a Fearless Judiciary with Judges like Justice M. Nagaprasanna. Judges who interpret the law of the land not merely by its letter (technical grounds!) but also by its spirit. The spirit with which the law and its purpose were conceived by the law-makers.

As I was going through the Judgement of the Honourable Mr. Justice M. Nagaprasanna, written in such simple, easy-flowing language with surgical precision using the scalpel of a pen, I could not help recalling another great judge of the Bombay High Court (in 1980s) **Justice Bhaktavar Lentin.** In an interview he gave to Express Magazine on September 13, 1987 he was asked about his philosophy of life that governed his worldview and judgeship. Justice Lentin's reply was prompt: "To help the lame horse across the stile." He further said: "In determining justice, I see no reason not to bend laws to help someone who deserves to be helped. This is perfectly tenable in law."

Well, this is the spirit of the law he was talking about.

Here I must also connect the One Man Commission, headed by Justice Lentin to inquire into the deaths at the State-run J.J. Hospital caused by the administration of adulterated glycerol to patients, to the complaints by three RTI activists in the present case against CM Siddaramaiah. **I do it just to show the audacity of politicians in power and the courage with which a judge like Justice Lentin took them on and showed them their place.**

When the Maharashtra's Minister for Public Health Bhai Sawant protested in the witness box that the Commission was not appointed "as an inquiry against Ministers," he was immediately cut down to size by Justice Lentin who thundered: "If you think this Commission does not include Ministers you have missed the whole purpose. **This is not merely an inquiry into the death of those unfortunate 14 people in J.J. Hospital. The inquiry is looking into the probity of public office and administration in high places. Sit down Minister."**

I guess this Hon'ble Justice Nagaprasanna is cast in the same moral, humane and intellectual mould as Justice Lentin, if one goes through his judgement. Well, if it was not merely 14 lives in Justice Lentin's case, it is not merely 14 sites in Justice Nagaprasanna's case. **Both the judges have raised the level of probity to a sublime height beyond deaths and sites.**

His observations in para 55 — about withdrawing of a resolution being considered contrary to law and 14 sites granted on the basis of an illegal resolution and para 56 — "In the opinion of the Court, the Chief Minister, a leader of the **proletariat,** the **bourgeois** and of **any citizen,** should not fight shy of any investigation," speak loudly and eloquently in an enigmatic language about the Chief Minister as a leader. As Jesus says, those who have ears may hear, those who have eyes may see.

The order of the judge opens significantly thus: 'The petitioner is the Chief Minister of the State of Karnataka.' What a sad moment that a Chief Minister, in his individual position, had to seek refuge in the High Court to save himself from an imminent prosecution on corruption charges and was refused relief. But what drove him to this Hall of Justice? I read it all earlier too but now I read it in the judgement.

It says: The three complainants — Respondents 3, 4 and 5 — first seek to register a complaint before the jurisdictional Police. The complaint was not acted upon. The 3rd respondent T.J. Abraham (complainant) approached the Commissioner of Police. But no action taken. He then knocked at the door of the Special Court (under Section 200 of Cr.PC). This Court kept the proceedings in abeyance awaiting approval by the competent authority (Governor) under Section 17-A of the Prevention of Corruption Act. The drama unfolds from now on.

O, my Goddess Democracy! Mercy be upon we the citizens. The legal proceedings to file a complaint against a Chief Minister of Siddaramaiah's power and hubris, with 135 MLAs, is really Byzantine in its complexities.

And finally let me inflict upon my readers those golden words of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar once again, because the context requires us to be reminded of his wisdom. This is what he said on Jan. 26, 1950: "If hereafter things go wrong, we will have nobody to blame except ourselves. Not to lay their liberties at the feet of even a great man or to trust him with powers which enable him to subvert their institutions..."

In Mysuru our Institution known as MUDA has already been subverted.

Let people of Karnataka introspect because this is a moment of Truth.

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BJP ups ante, wants CM Siddaramaiah to resign

Opposition leaders try to lay siege to Vidhana Soudha; taken to preventive Police custody

Bengaluru, Sept. 26 (VNS)- BJP leaders led by Opposition Leader in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashok and Opposition Leader in Legislative Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy staged a protest in front of Mahatma Gandhi statue at Vidhana Soudha premises demanding Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's resignation, here this morning.

The protestors holding placards shouted slogans against CM Siddarmaiah and the Congress party apart from demanding to tender his resignation.

Earlier, speaking to media persons, BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra demanded for a CBI probe stating that a transparent investigation would not be possible by Lokayukta Police belonging to Chief Minister's home district Mysuru.

"Siddaramaiah had sought the resignation of the then CM B.S. Yediyurappa to make way for free and fair investigation. Now, he must stick to his words and step down and facilitate an impartial probe," he added.

Later, the BJP leaders tried to lay siege to Vidhana Soudha where they were stopped by the Police and taken into preventive custody.

Meanwhile, speaking to mediapersons CM Siddarmaiah reiterated that he won't resign.

KPCC President and Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar also mentioned, there was no such proposal in the party to seek the resignation of CM Siddaramaiah.

It may be noted that on Wednesday, the Special Court for People's Representatives had ordered for a probe against CM Siddaramaiah in connection with the MUDA site allotment case.

Special Court Judge announced the judgment in connection with a private complaint filed by Mysuru based RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna after the Karnataka High Court upheld Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's sanction to conduct an investigation against Siddaramaiah on Tuesday (Sept. 24) in the alleged MUDA Scam related to illegal allotment of 14 sites to his (Siddaramaiah) wife Parvathi.

Yuva Dasara tickets to go on sale

(Continued from page 1)

"Ticketed shows will provide an opportunity for people from other States to visit Mysuru to watch some of the best musicians perform at Yuva Dasara. With musical maestros like Ilayaraja and A.R. Rahman performing, we would definitely want to monetise so that some portion of the expenses is covered through sale of tickets," he said.

The DC also clarified that the Dasara Gold Card would not be valid for Yuva Dasara shows and those interested must purchase separate tickets online to watch the shows from Galleries-1 and 2.

Yuva Dasara schedule

- **Oct. 6** Musical Night by Shreya Ghosal
- **Oct. 7** Concert by Kannada Music Director Ravi Basrur
- **Oct. 8** Concert by Rapper Badshah
- **Oct. 9** Concert by Musical Maestro A.R. Rahman
- **Oct. 10** Concert by Melody King Ilayaraja.

KSRTC will provide paid bus service to those attending the Yuva Dasara event.

Uttanahalli - Chamundi Hill entry gate to be closed?

The Forest Department is contemplating to close the entry gate to Chamundi Hill from Uttanahalli side during Yuva Dasara. The gate will be closed from 6 pm to avoid youths venturing into the forests during night hours.

"We have been planning to close the entry gate from 6 pm as a precautionary measure to avoid unethical activities. On normal days, the gate is closed at 10 pm but with huge footfalls expected for the mega event on all five days we want to shut entry gate at 6 pm only from Oct. 6 to Oct.10," said DCF (Mysuru Division) K.N. Basavaraju.

Order for Lokayukta probe against CM

Complainant reaches Lokayukta SP Office but SP on leave

Mysuru, Sept. 26 (BLU&BCT)- The Lokayukta SP Office on Dewan's Road in the city has transformed into a hub of activity following the Special Court for MLAs/MPs in Bengaluru approving an investigation against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) site allotment scam.

The Lokayukta SP Office will now investigate this high-profile case and has been directed to submit its report to the Court by Dec. 24. However, the initial First Information Report (FIR) is yet to be registered.

Bengaluru-based activist S.P. Pradeep Kumar, one of the three complainants who had petitioned the Governor for the Chief Minister's prosecution, submitted a formal complaint at the Lokayukta SP Office yesterday while pressing for the FIR. However, Mysuru Division Lokayukta SP T.J. Udesh declined to file the FIR, stating he needed to seek legal opinions before proceeding.

After a heated exchange, Pradeep Kumar received an acknowledgment receipt for his complaint. Today, another petitioner, Snehamayi Krishna, visited Lokayukta SP Office with a complaint, but Udesh was unavailable. Arriving on a scooter, Krishna went unrecognised by media personnel, who had expected him to arrive in a car. Reporters identified him when he removed his helmet after parking his scooter inside the SP Office compound.

After displaying a copy of the complaint to the media, Snehamayi Krishna entered the SP Office, only to be informed by the staff that the SP would only receive the complaint, who was unavailable today. Krishna insisted that the Additional SP accept his complaint, but the office refused, leading to a stalemate.

Meanwhile, KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana, who visited the Lokayukta SP Office this morning, was reportedly informed by SP Udesh over the phone that he would be available only in the evening or tomorrow. Lakshmana had come to request the SP to file a complaint against

Snehamayi Krishna in front of Lokayukta SP Office in Mysuru city this morning.

Pradeep Kumar, who allegedly directed abusive language at the SP while submitting his complaint yesterday.

Delaying tactics?

Sources informed *SOM* that the officers may have been instructed to delay the FIR registration, allowing sufficient time for Siddaramaiah's legal team to approach High Court Division Bench against the Single Judge Bench's order that quashed Siddaramaiah's petition regarding the Governor's prosecution sanction.

Additionally, sources indicated that the Mysuru Lokayukta Police are awaiting instructions from the office of the Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) in Bengaluru on how to proceed.

Certified copy of the order from the Special Court for Elected Representatives will first be sent to the Lokayukta ADGP & subsequently passed on to Lokayukta SP. However, there is currently no clarity on when the ADGP will relay the orders after obtaining approval from the DG&IGP.

Siddaramaiah, along with his wife B.M. Parvathi, son Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, brother-in-law B.M. Mallikarjunaswamy, Devaraju who sold the land and MUDA officers are expected to be named in the FIR.

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CM's mounting troubles come from his hometown

Will political uncertainty leave Dasara festival organisers scrambling for clarity?

Mysuru, Sept. 26 (BLU,BS& BCT)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who has navigated through numerous allegations of scandals during his four-decade-long political career, now faces mounting trouble from his home district of Mysuru.

The Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) land allotment scam, a case originating in the very region that catapulted him to political prominence, has become a significant thorn in his side.

Siddaramaiah, who successfully deflected previous allegations such as the Arkavathi Layout scam, the Hublot Watch controversy, and the Valmiki Corporation scandal, now finds himself cornered by accusations tied to Mysuru. Unlike the previous charges, none of which involved his home district, the MUDA scandal is proving to be far more damaging.

Earlier, Siddaramaiah had announced that he would not contest the next Assembly elections, signalling his retirement from electoral politics. However, this new scandal has cast a shadow over his tenure as Chief Minister, creating an uncomfortable political dilemma.

Close associates reveal that Siddaramaiah is internally pained by this development in the twilight of his career but is masking his emotions in public. Should this case lead to his resignation, it would mark a bitter irony — the very district that gave birth to his political journey could now stain it with scandal.

Will it cast dark clouds over Dasara?

As the Mysuru Dasara festival approaches, political instability has threatened to cast a shadow over the grand celebrations.

With just days left for the festival's inauguration, there are concerns that the filing of an FIR against the CM could create a significant political upheaval, potentially impacting the festive spirit of the State's most celebrated event.

The gravity of the allegations and the looming FIR have sparked speculation about whether Siddaramaiah will be forced to resign. Opposition parties are likely to exert considerable pressure at both the State and national levels, calling for his resignation, which could lead to political unrest.

If Siddaramaiah steps down amidst this crisis, it raises several questions about how the Dasara celebrations will proceed. From adjustments in ceremonial protocols to the selection of dignitaries for key events, the uncertainty is expected to leave festival organisers scrambling for clarity.

This has led to fears that the shadow of these political developments could dim the grandeur of the festival. The coming days will reveal whether the festivities will go on as planned or if they will be clouded by the political turmoil surrounding the Chief Minister.

Citing MUDA, PM warns of chaos under Congress rule

Siddaramaiah challenges Modi to debate on corruption

Chandigarh, Sept. 26 (Agencies)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a scathing attack on the Congress yesterday, cautioning that the party's return to power would spell disaster for the State of Haryana.

Speaking at a rally in Gohana, Sonepat, ahead of the Oct. 5 Assembly elections, Modi highlighted the rising support for the BJP, claiming that public trust in Congress is rapidly eroding.

"As the election approaches, the Congress is losing hope, while the support for the BJP is increasing by the day. Voting for Congress is equivalent to risking the State's stability and halting its development," Modi declared.

The Prime Minister also criticised Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, pointing to his alleged involvement in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) scam, and drew parallels between the power struggles in Congress-ruled States like Telangana and Himachal Pradesh.

He warned that Congress governance would impede Haryana's progress and potentially revive issues like terrorism and infiltration by seeking to overturn Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir.

Taking a direct swipe at the Gandhi family, Modi accused Congress of handing over Haryana to "middlemen and sons-in-law," referring to allegations of corruption and nepotism. He said that the Gandhi family is the most corrupt in the country.

PM Narendra Modi

Taking potshots at Robert Vadra — Priyanka Gandhi's husband — the Prime Minister said Congress handed over the State to "damaad" and no job in the State was given without "kharchi-parchi (bribe)".

CM Siddaramaiah counters

In a fiery response, CM Siddaramaiah challenged the Prime Minister to a direct debate on corruption, accusing him of lacking the moral standing to discuss the issue.

Taking to 'X', Siddaramaiah dared Modi to name a single BJP leader from Karnataka who is "untainted by corruption." He further accused the Prime Minister of orchestrating false accusations against him, calling out Modi for firing "shots from afar" and urging him to engage in a direct debate on the matter.

"Mr. Modi, I am glad to see you finally talking about corruption. The people of Karnataka have only seen your puppets throwing false allegations at me. Now it's time for them to know who's truly behind it all. If you're ready for a direct debate, I am always ready," Siddaramaiah declared.

Siddu Vs Lokayukta: An ironic twist of fate

2016: Siddaramaiah clips Lokayukta powers to form ACB; 2022: HC dissolves ACB; 2024: Siddaramaiah faces Lokayukta probe

Bengaluru, Sept. 26 (BS)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who significantly undermined the Lokayukta's authority during his first term in 2016 by establishing the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), now finds himself embroiled in a crisis as the same Lokayukta Police is set to investigate his alleged involvement in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) site scam.

In a move that was widely criticised as a grave insult to Lokayukta, the anti-corruption ombudsman, Siddaramaiah's Government had reduced the Lokayukta to a mere ceremonial position, transferring more powers to the now-defunct ACB.

This decision was later deemed null and void by a two-Judge Bench of the Karnataka High Court, which included Justices B. Veerappa and K.S. Hemalekha. Their August 2022 ruling not only restored the Lokayukta's powers but also mandated the immediate transfer of all pending cases from the ACB back to the Lokayukta.

This judicial intervention has sparked intense debate among political analysts, who view it as a significant setback for Siddaramaiah's administration. Following a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by Advocates Chidanand Urs and S.R. Hiremutt, the Court addressed concerns regarding the ACB's legitimacy, ultimately leading to its dissolution.

Further complicating matters, an RTI query from 2019 revealed that there are currently 50 pending cases against Siddaramaiah in the Lokayukta, though no cases were registered against him during the period from April 2013 to March 2014. Notably, there has been little progress in the existing cases against him.

In a twist of fate that Siddaramaiah likely never anticipated, he now faces a Lokayukta investigation. He must cooperate fully when summoned for questioning, as the Lokayukta Police have been granted considerable latitude in their inquiry.

The Special Court for People's Representatives, led by Judge Santosh Gajanana Bhat, has indicated that the Police may proceed with arrests if deemed necessary.

This unexpected turn of events not only highlights the irony of Siddaramaiah's previous actions but also raises significant questions about the future of his political career as allegations of corruption loom large.

CM must resign, face the probe: State BJP Chief

Bengaluru, Sept. 26 (KMS& BS)- BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra has demanded that, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah must resign, following the High Court verdict in MUDA site scam and cooperate with the investigation.

Quoting the words of Siddaramaiah, who as an Opposition Leader of Legislative Assembly earlier, had demanded the then CM B.S. Yediyurappa that, he should immediately resign and face the probe, following the allegations against him, Vijayendra asked Siddaramaiah to follow the suit.

"Siddaramaiah had said, if Yediyurappa continues to be in power, there were chances of influencing the investigation. Now, Siddaramaiah, who is in a similar situation, should set a precedent," urged Vijayendra.

But, the CM says he is ready to face the probe, but won't resign, said Vijayendra, recalling Mysuru Chalo rally of the BJP supported by its alliance partner JD(S), against the corrupt Congress party and the CM.

B.Y. Vijayendra

Vijayendra has also warned of laying siege to the Police Stations, if the Congress party continues to hound BJP workers, by filing First Information Report (FIR) against them. It is a serious offence on the part of the Police to act to keep the Government happy, he added.

Yuva Sambhrama-2024

India's cultural diversity showcased on Day-2

Students pay tributes to Indian Army, condemn atrocities against women

Mysuru, Sept. 26 (MK&VNS)- The second day of Yuva Sambhrama witnessed students from various colleges across the State present some of the best folk programmes including the Mallakhamba from the team of Kamadolli Gram Panchayat in Dharwad which captivated the audience at the Open Air Theatre in Manasagangothri here last evening.

Students of Sri Shivayogi Swamy Composite PU College, Gandhinagar, Mysuru; Gnanodaya Institute of Nursing, T. Narasipur; Bharathi PU College, Kirugavalu, Mandya; Government First Grade College, Bettadapura; Government First Grade College, Bidadi; Samarthanam Special School for Children with Intellectual Disabilities, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru and Vidyavardhaka ITI presented various programmes projecting the rich culture and heritage of Kannada language.

Later, students of Kodlipet First Grade College, Kodagu, enthralled the audience with various forms of folk dances while students of JSS PU College, Devalapura, presented the dance dedicated to Lord Ganesha. Spreading the essence of Vande Mataram and students of Nisarga PU College, Chamarajanagar, presented a dance programme showcasing different cultures followed in the country. Sri Adichunchanagiri Independent PU College, H.D. Kote, presented a programme condemning the atrocities against women.

Meanwhile, the students Government PU College, Padavalahippe, Holenarasipur, Adichunchanagiri Institute of Medical Sciences, Nagamangala and Sri Rajeshwari Vidyalaya, Mahadeva Betta, Madikeri, presented programmes paying tributes to the Indian Army.

The audience at the Open Air Theatre enjoyed the programme presented by students despite drizzles. They were seen dancing along with the friends and family members to the music being played at the venue.

The authorities also distributed honorarium in cheques, along with certificates and mementoes, to colleges that performed during the Yuva Sambhrama yesterday.

Folk artistes demand payment of Rs.5,000 for Dasara

Mysuru, Sept. 26 (GA&DM)- With the countdown for Dasara having begun, the Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Mandya Districts Janapada Kalavidara Okkoota has urged the Government to pay Rs. 5,000 to each of the folk artistes taking part in *Jumboo Savari*.

Addressing a press meet here yesterday, Okkoota President Udigala Mahadevappa said that at present, the folk artistes are paid just Rs.1,750 for two days which is not enough considering the rising costs. Pointing out that they have to bear many expenses such as transport of folk items, travel, boarding, lodging etc., he said that the folk artistes must be paid at least Rs.5,000 each.

Stating that the folk artistes are a neglected lot, Mahadevappa said that while the authorities pay lakhs of rupees for singers and other artistes from outside States, the folk artistes are a discriminated lot. Private sponsors used to provide food to folk artistes at Bannimantap in the past, but now this has been stopped. Food sponsoring must resume, he said adding that the District Ministers and the District Administration should take note of the matter. Okkoota members Kiralu Mahesh, Revanna, Shivalingappa, Mallesh, Prabhu and Kamsale Ravi were present.

MYSORE RACES 2024

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

'SHAMROCK' for Maharaja's Cup

Mysuru, Sept.26- Following are the selections for the 8th day of Mysore Races to be held here on Friday - Sept. 27, 2024:

1.	1.30 PM	**THE PENAMBUR PLATE** 1600 mts. - rated 00 to 25 *1. SUNLIT PATH 2. DOUBLE VISION*
2.	2.00 PM	**THE SHIMSHA PLATE** 1100 mts. - rated 20 to 45 (Mysore based Horses) *1. FLYING FALCON 2. ISLAND LASS*
3.	2.30 PM	**THE AUNTY PIP PLATE** 1400 mts. - rated 00 to 25 (Mysore based Horses) *1. FELICITA 2. LEAD SINGER*
4.	3.00 PM	**THE RANGA FAMILY TROPHY DIV. I** 1400 mts. - rated 20 to 45 (NO WHIP) *1. DISCIPLE 2. ALICE BLUE*
5.	3.30 PM	**THE M.B. APPAYA MEMORIAL TROPHY** 1400 mts. - rated 60 and above *1. STELLANTIS 2. ARALINA*
6.	4.00 PM	**THE MAHARAJA'S CUP** 1600 mts. - 4 years old (Terms) *1. SHAMROCK 2. ONCE YOU GO BLACK*
7.	4.30 PM	**THE RANGA FAMILY TROPHY DIV. II** 1400 mts. - rated 20 to 45 (NO WHIP) *1. RED FALCON 2. TRUE PUNCH*
8.	5.00 PM	**THE SON OF THE LIGHT PLATE** 1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45 (Mysore based Horses) *1. D DON KING 2. SERGEANT RECKLESS*

DAY'S BEST: *DISCIPLE*
DOUBLE: *1. STELLANTIS 2. SHAMROCK*
JACKPOT: *4,5, 6, 7,8* ***MINI JACKPOT:*** *5, 6, 7,8*
I TREBLE: *1,2,3* ***II TREBLE:*** *3,4,5* ***III TREBLE:*** *6,7,8*
EXACTAS: *1 to 8* ***—Tipster PGC***

Dasara-2024: Palace prepped up for Golden Throne assembling

Mysuru, Sept. 26 (MTY&BNR)- Even as the Royal City of Mysuru gets ready for the Nada Habba Dasara celebrations from Oct. 3 to 12, preparations are underway at the Mysore Palace for religious rituals to be performed in connection with Sharannavarathri celebrations.

Works like dusting the ornately gilded columns, stained glass ceilings, chandeliers with fine floral motifs and spreading the royal floor mats in the Durbar Hall are being taken up.

The gems-and-diamond-studded Golden Throne (Suvarna Simhasana) will be assembled at the Palace tomorrow (Sept. 27) for the Private Durbar (Khaas Durbar) by titular head of the Mysore Royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar to be held from Oct. 3.

The dismantled throne will be brought out from the Strong Room situated in the basement of the Palace in the presence of the members of the Mysore Royal Family and officials from the District Administration under tight security. The process of assembling it will begin in Durbar Hall tomorrow at 10 am. Along with the Golden Throne, the Silver Bhadrasana will also be assembled at the Kannadi Thotti.

Public entry to Palace restricted

Following various rituals to be performed by the members of Mysore Royal Family as part of Dasara festival, entry of the public and tourists to the Palace is restricted at certain timings on the following days.

Sept. 27 (10 am to 1 pm): Religious rituals in connection with Sharannavarathri and assembling of the Golden Throne.

Oct. 3 (10 am to 2 pm): Ascending of throne.

Oct. 11 (Full Day): Mahanavami/ Ayudha Puja at Kalyana Mantap.

Oct. 12 (Full Day): Vijayadashami Procession.

Oct. 27 (10 am to 1 pm): Dissembling the Golden Throne and shifting it back to the Strong Room.

Half-asphalted road poses threat

Mysuru, Sept. 26 (VNS)- The District Authorities are busy gearing up for this year's Dasara festival starting from Oct. 3 to 12 by taking up patch works on potholed roads and decking up the main thoroughfares with glittery lights.

However, the asphalting of the main road to Chamundi Hill has invited public wrath. The above picture shows the half asphalted road leading to the Hill from Kurubarahalli Circle posing a threat to two-wheeler riders especially at night time.

Already there have been instances of riders falling off their bikes after losing their balance. The motorists have urged the authorities concerned to asphalt the whole stretch to avoid accidents.

First round of cannon firing drill for Dasara jumbos, horses held

Police seize illegal drone flying over elephants

Mysuru, Sept. 26 (MTY&KS) - The first round of cannon firing drill to make the Dasara elephants and horses get accustomed to the booming sound of the cannons was held at the Dasara Exhibition parking lot here this noon.

All 14 Dasara elephants led by Captain Abhimanyu, were led out of the Palace to the parking lot, where 38 horses from the Mounted Police Force joined them.

Except for Abhimanyu, the remaining 13 elephants were chained so that they do not go berserk on hearing the sound.

While Rohit and Hiranya displayed little fear during the first round of cannon firing, five to six horses jolted but remained calm thereafter. In all, 21 shots were fired from seven cannons in three rounds.

As a safety measure, fire safety jackets were provided to the Pirangi Dal staff, who have been given the responsibility of firing the cannons during *Jumboo Savari* and Torchlight Parade.

Drone seized

Police have seized a drone which was hovering above Dasara elephants and horses illegally and capturing photos and video of cannon firing.

The drone, which was flying above the elephants, fell to the ground and Police seized it.

It is illegal to fly drones and click photos without obtaining permission from Police. Cops are tracing the drone's owner.

Meanwhile, DCF (Wildlife) Dr. I.B. Prabhu Gowda said that the first day of cannon firing drill was held successfully and added that the elephants did not panic.

Srirangapatna Dasara

He further said that a proposal to send Dasara elephants Mahendra, Hiranya and Lakshmi to Srirangapatna Dasara has been forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) for approval besides stating that the Nishane Aane for *Jumboo Savari* is yet to be decided. Two more training will be held on Sept. 29 and Oct. 1.

DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraju, DCF Dr. K.N. Basavaraju, Veterinarians Dr. Mujeeb, Dr. Ramesh Kumar and Dr. Mirza Waseem, Palace ACP Chandrashekar, ACP (Traffic) Parashuramappa, elephant caretakers Rangaraju and Akram and others were present during the cannon firing drill.

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- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
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- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
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- **Balaji Theatre** — Mob: 98863-25207
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  Yudhra (H) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
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Transformers One (E-3D)	(S-1)	11.20 am, 7.40 pm, 9.55 pm
Hagga (K)	(S-1)	1.35 pm
The Greatest of All Time (Ta)	(S-1)	4.15 pm
Langoti Man (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am
Lubber Pandhu (Ta)	(S-2)	1.40 pm
Nandhan (Ta)	(S-2)	4.35 pm
Kahan Shuru Kahan Khatam (H)	(S-2)	7.15 pm
Tumbbad (H)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Upendra (K)	(S-3)	10.50 am
Karki Nanu BA LLB (K)	(S-3)	1.35 pm
Anna (K)	(S-3)	4.35 pm
Yudhra (H)	(S-3)	7.15 pm; (S-4) 10.15 pm
Kishkindha Kaandam (Ma)	(S-3)	10.10 pm
Stree 2 (H)	(S-4)	10.05 am
Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali (K)	(S-4)	1 pm, 7.10 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	(S-4)	4.05 pm

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Dhruvathaare (K)	(S-1)	1.05 pm
Karki Nanu BA, LLB (K)	(S-1)	4.10 pm
Hagga (K)	(S-1)	7.05 pm
The Greatest of All Time (Ta)	(S-1)	9.35 pm; (S-3) 6.15 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
Langoti Man (K)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Ibbani Thabbida Ileyali (K)	(S-2)	7.15 pm
	(S-4)	1.15 pm, 9.30 pm
Kozhipannai Chelladurai (Ta)	(S-3)	9.40 pm
Nandhaan (Ta)	(S-4)	4.20 pm
Krishman Pranaya Sakhi (K)	(S-4)	6.30 pm

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Transformers One (E-3D)	9.05 am, 11.30 am, 4.40 pm, 10.15 pm
Yudhra (H)	9.30 am, 11.50 am, 3.50 pm, 10.10 pm
Kahan Shuru Kahan Khatam (H)	10.05 am, 10 pm
Kadaisi Ulaga Por (Ta)	10.25 am, 7 pm
Trailers Screening Show	11.15 am
Langoti Man (K)	11.55 am
Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali (K)	12.30 pm, 6.50 pm
Never Let Go (E)	12.30 pm, 8.10 pm
Lubber Pandhu (Ta)	1.25 pm, 6.45 pm
Kishkindha Kaandam (Ma)	1.55 pm, 9.45 pm
Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank (H)	2.50 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Tumbbad (H)	2.50 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	3.20 pm
Nandhan (Ta)	4.30 pm
Dancing Village (Indonesian)	5.25 pm
The Greatest of All Time (Ta)	6 pm
Mathu Vadalara 2 (Te)	9.50 pm

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Transformers One (E-3D)	9.05 am, 1.15 pm, 5.40 pm, 8.05 pm
Yudhra (H)	9.35 am, 3.35 pm, 10 pm
Rummy Aata (K)	10 am
Lubber Pandhu (Ta)	10.10 am, 6.40 pm
Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali (K)	11.30 am, 7.10 pm
Upendra (K)	12.35 pm
The Journalist (K)	1.10 pm
Hagga (K)	2.50 pm
Kadaisi Ulaga Por (Ta)	3.40 pm, 9.45 pm
Dhruvathaare (K)	3.45 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	6.35 pm
Maya Bazaar (1957 - Colour) (Te)	10.30 pm
Tumbbad (H)	10.30 pm

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Lubber Pandhu (Ta)	9.40 am, 7.05 pm
Transformers One (E-3D)	9.50 am, 12.15 pm, 5.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank (H)	10 am, 7.20 pm
Trailers Screening Show	10.10 am
Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali (K)	10.50 am, 5.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	12.45 pm, 10.10 pm
Upendra (K)	1.10 pm
Kahan Shuru Kahan Khatam (H)	2.40 pm
Yudhra (H)	4.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Kadaisi Ulaga Por (Ta)	4.20 pm
Hagga (K)	7.30 pm

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Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank (H)	9.20 am, 3.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Transformers One (E-3D)	10 am, 12.25 pm, 5.20 pm, 7.45 pm
Yudhra (H)	10 am, 10.20 pm
Trailers Screening Show	11 am
Rummy Aata (K)	11.40 am
Dhruvathaare (K)	12.30 pm
Kadaisi Ulaga Por (Ta)	1 pm
Ibbani Tabbida Ileyali (K)	2.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Nandhan (Ta)	2.50 pm
Karki Nanu BA, LLB (K)	4 pm
Laughing Buddha (K)	6.10 pm
Langoti Man (K)	7.05 pm
Lubber Pandhu (Ta)	7.15 pm
Kishkindha Kaandam (Ma)	10.10 pm

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'Geeth Sangam' musical evening

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Dr. Ravindra | *Kumaraswamy* | *Dr. Bharath* | *Chandrashekar* | *Nikhil* | *Dr. Thejamani* | *Akanksha*

Mysuru, Sept. 26- Kavitha Kamath's 'Geeth Sangam' will present a musical evening of Kannada and Hindi film songs in memory of late actors Dr. Vishnuvardhan & Puneeth Rajkumar and singer Mohammed Rafi tomorrow (Sept. 27) at Jagan-mohan Palace auditorium in city from 5.30 pm to 9 pm.

Achievers from various fields — Dr. R.L. Jagadish, Ravi Gowda, M.R. Anitha and Dr. M.N. Yadugiri — will be felicitated on the occasion.

Singers to perform on the occasion are: G. Kavitha Kamath, G. Nithyananda Kamath, Sadashiva Shenoy, Hedatale Narayan, Dr. Somanath Vasudev, Dr. Seethalakshmi, Dr. Bharati, Dr. Ravindra Kumar, B.S. Kumaraswamy, Dr. Bharath Raj, Chandrashekar, Nikhil Prabhu, Dr. Thejamani and Akanksha.

Entry is free for the event, according to a press release.

EVENTS TODAY (SEPT. 26)

- **Vivekananda Institute of Indian Studies (VIIS), a unit of SVYM, Swaralayam Arts Forum (SAF), Houston, USA and College of Fine Arts, University of Mysore:** 16th Annual Sulochana Pattabhiraman Utsavam, Karnatak Classical Music Festival, concerts by Vid. Bellary Raghavendra, Vidu. Surabhi P. Narasimhan and Keerthana, R. Ravi Iyer, Founder- Director, Swaralayam Arts Forum, USA and Prof. Anita Vimla Braggs, Principal of University College of Fine Arts, chief guests, Dr. G.S. Kumar, Head-Health, SVYM, presides, College of Fine Arts, Manasagangothri, **4 pm to 7 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Jnanayoganandaji speaks on 'Srimad Bhagavad Gita' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 6.50 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (SEPT. 27)

- **District Administration and Tourism Department:** World Tourism Day-2024 celebrations, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa inaugurates the website of Tourism Department, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy will be present, Mysore Palace premises, **10 am.** [Followed by procession from Palace to Highway Circle in Bannimantap]
- **Abhijata Kannada Kendra, Kannada Development Authority, Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru:** International Camp on 'Classical Kannada Studies,' KSOU VC Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse inaugurates, Kannada Scholar Dr. T.V. Venkatachala Sastry presides, Conference Hall, Guest House, KSOU premises, **10 am.**
- **Gujarat State Handloom & Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd. (GSHHDC):** Garvi Gurjari ODOP Hastkala Exhibition & Sale, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysore:** Inauguration of BUILDTECH 24, National Technical Seminar on 'Sustainability - The Life Line,' PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi chief guest, Consulting Engineer Umesh B. Rao guest of honour, MBCT auditorium, Vishweshwaranagar, **10 am.**
- **Kalpavruksha Bonsai Boutique, Mysuru:** 'Dharani Dhaarini - Celebrating Earth' Shopping Mela, Kalpavruksha Bonsai Boutique, #175, Uttanahalli Cross, Nanjangud Main Road, Bandipalya, **10.30 am to 5 pm.** [Mob: 98451-21840]
- **Mysore English Theatre Forum (METF):** 3rd edition of College English Theatre Festival 2024, Veteran theatre artiste Rameshwari Verma inaugurates, **4 pm;** Staging of play 'A Sunny Morning' by Sarada Vilas College, written by Serafin & Joaquin AQ, and directed by Sabeena, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **5 pm.**

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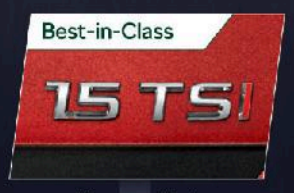

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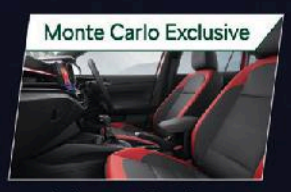

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